

2 Kings 19:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 19: Faith vindicated through divine intervention. In Judah's later history, we see both genuine reforms and deep-rooted corruption, revealing that external religious activity cannot substitute for heart transformation.

The narrative demonstrates God's justice in judging covenant unfaithfulness while maintaining His ultimate purposes for redemption.

Historical Context

Historical Setting: 2 Kings 19 takes place during Hezekiah's reign in Judah, late 8th century BCE, around 715-686 BCE. The chapter's theme (God Delivers Jerusalem) reflects the historical reality of genuine religious reform under Hezekiah, including trust in God that resulted in miraculous deliverance from Assyria. Archaeological evidence from this period includes royal inscriptions,

administrative documents, and material culture that corroborate the biblical account while providing additional context for understanding the political and social dynamics at work.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 19 regarding faith vindicated through divine intervention?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's character, particularly His justice, mercy, and faithfulness to covenant promises?
3. In what practical ways should this text shape contemporary Christian thinking about faithfulness, worship, and obedience to God?

Interlinear Text

וְיֹהֵה	לֹבֶן	וְתָבֵא	וְאֹכֵל	וּבְשַׁנְתִּים	סְפִינְתִּים
H2088	H0	And this shall be a sign	and eat	this year	such things as grow
		H226	H398	H8141	H5599

וּבְשַׁנְתִּים	הַשְׁנִית	שְׁחִיתָה	וּבְשַׁנְתִּים
this year	of themselves and in the second	that which springeth	this year
H8141	H8145	H7823	H8141

וְאֹכֵל	כְּרָמִים	וְגַתְתָּעַ	וְאֹכֵל
and eat	vineyards	and plant	and eat
H398	H3754	H5193	H2232
of the same and in the third	sow	ye and reap	the third
H7992		H7114	

פְּרִיּוֹם:

the fruits

H6529

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 3:12 (Parallel theme): And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

Isaiah 37:30 (Parallel theme): And this shall be a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such as groweth of itself; and the second year that which springeth of the same: and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof.

Luke 2:12 (Parallel theme): And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

1 Samuel 2:34 (Parallel theme): And this shall be a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them.

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